

TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

Thursday, the 5th November, 1925.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-one of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Fee Concessions to Students belonging to Depressed Classes.

54. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that students from the depressed classes, who are given full fee concession when they are in Form VI, in consideration of their economic poverty and educational backwardness, are asked to pay half fees as soon as they pass Form VI and join the college classes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Pupils of the depressed classes who are allowed full fee concession in English schools have to pay full fees for their college course.

Distribution of Appointments in the Public Service.

55. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (a) Are the Government aware that the proper distribution of official appointments is one of those questions that attract a good deal of public attention in Travancore?

(b) Do the Government publish, in their annual volume called *Statistics of Travancore*, statements or returns showing the staffs of the various departments according to caste, race and religion?

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[Mr. S. Gnana Joshua.]

(c) Do the Heads of Departments append to their annual administration reports statements showing how the vacancies that arose during the year were disposed of by them and their subordinates with reference to the claims of the different communities in the State?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The Government are aware that communities show concern in the number of official appointments each wishes to secure for its members.

(b) and (c) The answers are in the negative.

Kallar Scheme.

56. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any proposals about the hydro-electric or other scheme concerning Kallar water after it was once set at rest some time ago?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the communications, if any, containing such proposals?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(a) and (b) No negotiations have since been started in the matter.

*Report of the Director of Industries re the work of
Mr. P. N. Vriddhachalam Aiyar.*

57. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunmatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Industries had reported to the Government about the unsatisfactory work of Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar, now Agricultural Chemist, while he was employed in the Industries Department, and, if so, to place the report on the table?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): No report has been made by the Director of Industries regarding the alleged unsatisfactory work of Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar.

*Work done by Mr. P. N. Vriddhachalam Aiyar in the
Agricultural Department.*

58. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunmatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the work done by Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar since his entertainment in the Department of Agriculture?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The statement* asked for by the member is laid on the table.

*Distribution of Copies of the Travancore University Committee
Report.*

59. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state when the Report of the University Committee was published?

(b) Have copies of the Report been supplied to the members of this Council or of the last Council?

*Vide Appendix I—page 294.